SPORTANT FROM WASAINGTON.

Call for Half a Million of Men.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.

Consolidation of the Last Two Calls for Troops.

The Draft to Take Place on the 10th of March.

WAR GAZETTE.

The President's Order for a Draft on the Tenth of March.

Ordered, that a draft for five hundred thousand nen, to serve for three years or during the war, be made on the Tenth day of March next for the

military service of the United States, crediting and deducting therefrom so many as may have been enlisted or drafted into the service prior to the first day of March, and not heretofore credited. ARRAHAM LINCOLN.

Explanation of the President's Order. WASHINGTON, Jan. 31, 1864.

There is much excitement here to-night in consequence of the President's order for a draft of ave handred thousand men on the 10th of March. the general impression being that it is a call for that number in addition to previous drafts. Such is not the case, as it is really but a consolidation of the two previous calls into one draft, on which anlistments previous to March 1 are to be credited. In this way all questions in regard to the filling of former quotas will be avoided, and the number of men required to finish the war be promptly obtained. Those States whose quotas have been alled on the two previous calls will not be affected

It will be recellected that in October a call for three hundred thousand men was made. This ber has been about half filled by volunteering and re-enlistments. The call now made for five hree hundred thousand, being, in effect, an adand call for two hundred thousand mon. The clunteering is supposed to furnish at present an werage of two thousand men per day. The order of the President makes a credit or deducon of so many as may have enlisted or been drafted prior to the 1st of March, at which time the \$400 premium expires. When these arrangements are completed the total in the army will be

GENERAL NEWS

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

For convenience in the payment of the army, the one cases of indebtedness and the payment of other public dnes. It is cetimated that the large amount of these emed; and it is not believed that, meanwhile, prices, will be seriously inflated by these, additions to the currency.

any long bonds bearing more than five per cent interest. The law of 1861, authorizing the issue of six per-cent two year notes, empowered the Secretary of the Treatury to reissue in lieu thereof greenbacks for all notes pur-chased or redeemed before maturity. It is understood scarcity of five and ten desiar notes for the payment of the army, orders have been given to the National Bank

Stote Company to print this amount of notes of these de THE WHISHOY TAX. The hotels here are mowded with the suf ferers under Fernando West's amendment to the Senate Finance Committee are besieged day and night with remonstrances and applications for she removal of the tax on stock of fland. The Secretary of the Treasury, however, has not yielded to the impor-

mention of the speculators, who have failed to realize their golden expectation. He must have revenue, and tom this tax until some way is shown to obtain a suffi and amount from other sources. The Fibance Commit slee remains unthoved, and, although said to be divito opinion, will make no recommendations in the mat

BOSECRANS AND THE OHIO LEGISLATURE. vane, is regarded here as an expression of

British journals ; & denouncing the comity shown by the ted States to the 'French government in regard to the exportation of tobat to. The concersion was made at the request of the French government, supported by the ex-

ENLISTED ALIE! S RELD POR SERVICE. Hon. William Whiting, t colicitor of the War Department, hen decided that aliens who are subjects of a foreign gov-

Secretary Stanton, before the Hale Investigating Com-tities yesterday, said, among other Ibings, that Secutor ale asked nothing of him in relation to the release of Hunt from the Old Capitol which a counseller at law might not with perfect propriety have asked of a Judge, and that he yielded nothing to the application of Mr. Hale that he would not have yielded to any respectable counseller, and that he coveidered himself as acting

SPEED OF THE GUNBOAT BUTAW The United States gurboat Eulaw, without her armament, averaged eighteen and three-quarter miles yes

INDIAN DELEGATIONS IN TOWN. There are at present delegations from three tribes of Mannas Judians in this city, representing the Miamis,

The Internal Tax Law.

In reply to yours of the 5th instant, I have to say March 3, 1863, when a license has been issued to a wholesale dealer at a rate which is afterwards discovered to ent should be made in the next monthly list to deleney; and upon the payment of the tax thus assessed, the collector will endorse the receipt upon the face of the license already issued. When this is done, the Heanse will have all the effect of a license origidone, the Henne will have all the effect of a license originally issued at the full rate. For example: if a wholesald dealer takes a license from the lat of May upon the basis of annual sales exceeding \$100,000, and not exceeding \$250,000, paying a tax of \$100 therefor, and it is afterward ascertained that his annual sales will exceed the amount named, he should be assessed for a tax of \$100 in addition, unless it is anticipated that his annual sales will seach such an amount as to subject him to a higher tax. Upon the payment of the \$100 thus assessed the collector will endorse the receipt upon the face of the license; and it will then authorize the transaction of business at a rate not exceeding \$500,000 per annum. If any person, having taken out license at an insufficient rate, fails to notify the assessor as soon as he discovers that such is the fact, or falls to pay the amount due as soon as it is assessed, he will be liable to all the penalties provided for doing business without a license. In case of an assessment in this manner for a deficiency it is not necessary that an application should be made as in the case of a license originally issued. Very respectfully, CHARLES T. LEWIS, for Commissioner.

To Pierre C. Van Wyck, Eaq., Assessor Internal Revenue.

Military Affairs. SHABBY TREATMENT OF ANOTHER VETERAN REGI-MENT-HOW THE SIXTY-FIRST NEW YORK VOLUN-TERRS WERE RECEIVED IN THIS CITY.

In the fail of 1861 the Sixty-first New York State Volrecruited in this city, left here for Alexandria, Va. It identified with its fortunes ever since, being attached to the First division, Second army corps. It has fought in desperate of the war - Fair Oaks, Feach Orchard, White Oak Swamp, Savage Station, Charles City Cross Roads,

THE NEW PINETY-NINTH (PRICHIX) REGIMENT.

rder of the Commander-in-Chief.
JOHN J. SPRAGUE, Adjulant General. The foregoing General Orders are hereby promutated.

Colonel John O'Mahony will cause a copy of the foregoing orders to be served on the officers of the exginent. By order of the programment of the control of the colones of the exginent. Briggle Major and Inspoder.

R. H. HOUDLEN, Briggle Major and Inspoder.

SPECIAL ORDERS—NO. 1.

HEADQUARTERS, "STR REGISERS, N. Y. S. R. G., The foregoing General Orders are hereby promutated By order of Calonel Community Regiment.

Charles J. Quime, Asting, Adjutant.

Supreme Court. Before Judge Barnard.

INCERESTING DIVORCE CASES—TROUBLES OF A CIR-CUS PROPRIETOR AND A SPANISH DANSEURZ. Coroline L. Nizon vs. June: Nizon.—In this case Mrs. Nizon applied for a divorce from her husband, dames Nixon, the well known circus man. The complainan stated that the was married to Mr. Nixon on March 2 1844, and lived with him till February, 1862, when the separated. She charges that in 1858 her husband, vio-lated the marital relations with

the do further report that, in my opinion, all the material facts charred in the plaintiff's complaint in this action are true, and have been sufficiently need to before me, and that said defendant has committed the act of achiegy in the year 1885, in a bouse in Greene street, is the city of New York, as charged in the complaint.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

New York, Dec. 3, 1863. B. A. FOWLER, Referee.

The divorce was then granted.

Isabelia Cabas has also applied for a divorce from her usband on the ground of inconstancy.

The Case of John W. Andrews.
IR IS TO BE EROUGHT PROM FORT LAFAYETE TODAY FOR TRIAL ON CHANGE OF RIOTOUS CON-

Lafayette since the 15th of July last, on charge of siding and abetting the enemies of the United States in resisting the draft, is to be brought from Fort Latayette to day for trial. It will be remembered that Andrews was the riots, and was said to have been seen on the steps ex-Mayor Opdyke's residence, barranging the crowd,

ex-Mayor Opdyke's residence, barrauging the crowd, instructing them to protect private property, but to proceed to and sack the Tribuse office. He will be tried under the act entitled "an act for calling out and enrolling the military forces of the United States, &c."

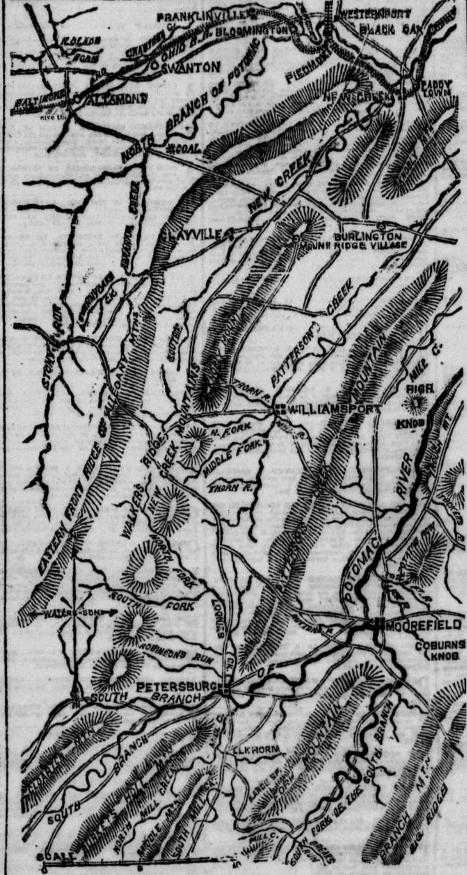
The warrant demanding the body of Andrews from the military authorities was issued on Saturday by United States Commissioner Oeborn, and placed in the hands of United States Deputy Marshal Smith, who will proceed to execute it to-day. Major General Dix has already made the Decessary order on Lieutenant Colonel Martin Burke, commanding Fort Lafayette, directing that officer to deliver the body of the prisoner into the custody of Marshal Murray. Since Oskey Hall and E. Lelafield Smith Both rather declined the honor of attending to the case of Andrews, it is a gratifying circumstance that Commissioner Osborn has taken the matter up, that the accused of the Commissioner Osborn has taken the matter up, that the accused that of the Commissioner Osborn has taken the matter up, that the accused the fax for the mercow (Tuesday) morning.

The New Amendam Conome ... Wicconspin or filling her

The Na American Colors.—Wiscopsin is filling ber quota with a dians. All colors are acceptable how, our tri-color being white, black and red, white our money is green, and our abform is blue, with more or less of yellow trimmings at a Comamenta. The robot, as it of how that they have be one to rechie to fight much more to much purpose, and are old in sin at least, figure mostly is grey.—Botton Tracestor.

THE FIGHTING IN WESTERN VIRGINIA.

Scene of the Recent Contest in Gen. Kelley's Department.



EAST TENNESSEE.

Development of the Recent Movements of Longstreet's Army.

Counter Movements of the Unionists.

Rebel Bemerstration at Strawberry Plains.

Capture of a Rebel Courier with Despatches.

Hasty Retreat of Magstreet's Forces,

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 30, 1864 An officer just from Manaville, Tenn., reports the ville. Be says that our army has gone into winter quar-

A reconnecessance made last Saturday and Sunday dis-covered that Longstreet had made a harly retreat and

Mr. James C. Fitzpatrich's Desp. Кножущая, Лар. 21, 1864.

THE MOTEMENT OF LONGITURET'S ARES has now developed itself, and a great deal of the excitement which pervaded Knoxville two days since has died away. A reconnoiseance on the line of the railroad betowards Dandridge, thereby threatening our right flank. possession of the fertile valley of the French Broad river and the stores of forage and previsions which it contains. On Monday or Tuesday last be threw a pontoon bridge

portion of his force is on the lower side, and within two days' easy march of Knoxville. The rich valley thus has been the principal source of subsistence for our own

Detail armises, and will compet onensive operations on our part.

The entire movement has necessitated a corresponding movement on the part of our army, which has now changed front on what was formerly the right fank. It is now in line parallel with the Tennessee valley, and aright angles with the French Broad valley, which is an outlet of the main valley of the State, leading into North Carolina. Longstreet by this move has put himself into position, in case of disaster, to fall back through the Smoky Mountains to North Carolina. There are some indeed, who think that, despairing of the capture of knowline, ha is moving along the coutheast edge of the State, hugging the mountains as he goes, with the intention of rejoining the army of Johnston in Georgia.

is once more enlivened with the strains of monic, as brigade after brigade files through the streets and pour over the poston bridge to the south safe of the river. Second, who construct he whole movement into a current, pecasse they see troops going through the city who seems to the second brigate the second brigat

few days ago were many miles up the country, are immeasurably repoiced, white the Unionists, who do not comprehend the meaning of the movement, lock upon it with no little uncashess and anxiety.

Chineral Stramp-nir Markers.

In my last I wrote you that General Stargis, with his cavalry, had started out into Sevier county, with the prospect of an engagement with the enemy's cavairy.

The weather is most delightful; baimy as a day in June; overcoast have become uncomfortable, even if all our gallant boys had them. It does indeed seem a merciful desponsation to our scantily dad army. The effect on the reads has been to render them almost impassable. The freeen earth, which before afforded footway, has turned to unfathemable mud, and the haming of wagons and artillery, not to speak of the marching on foot, is a work of no mean labor.

10x0cramer's ronce.

There are various estimates of the forse now under Longstrect's command. In addition to the two divisions of his old corps, with which he came here from Chiekamauga, he has been reinforced by the third division, which he is in the Army of the Potomac by the commands of Hushrod Johnson, Buckner and Williams, and probably by two divisions recently from the Army of the Potomac—one each from the corps of Ewell and Hill respectively.

Gen. Foster, whose wounded leg still keeps him con fined to his house, was rerenated at his personal head justiers last night by the band or the One Hundred and fourth Ohio regiment, Col. Riley.

KHOXVIII. Jan. 22-7 A. M. DEMONSTRATION OF THE PURELY AT PERAWHERRY PLAINS. On Wednesday last Captain Daniels, of the Signal corps, crossed the river at Strawberry Plains with party of observation, and proceeded out about five miles, when some few signs of the enemy were discovered mostly cavalry. In the evening a flag of truce, covering some communication to General Longstreet, was sent within their lines. The officer accompanying it was detained by a rebel colonel, and kept in their camp all

within their lines. The officer accompanying it was detained by a rebel colonel, and kept in their camp all
hight, no doubt to prevent the premature disclosure of
the movement which took place yesterday against our
position at the Plains.
Our pickess were withdrawn about eight o'clock yesterday morning, and fell back to this side of the river.
Lieutenant Reynolds, of the fignal corps, who had remained behind to the last moment, communicating with
General Parks, from hid station on College Hill, narrowly
escaped capture. Our troops had already commenced
the destruction of the bridge when be came away; but by
jumping into a soow he managed to elude his pursuers.
The robel cavalry now appeared in large numbers on
the opposite bank, and opened a brink fire with their carbines. At orderly at the telegraph office, which was
located in a lent on the edge of the railroad, was wounded
in 4th leg. The headquarters of Generals Farke and
Wilkox, being within range, became too warm for occuraccy, and were evacuated. The rebes also brought a
bistery into position, and from the high ground abelied
out position in a zery lively manner. No little confusion
prevailed among the troops, who were already under
order, to march to Knoxville, and the demonstration
of the-geneny tended in no small degree to accelerate their
moveme, it. A section of artillery in a blockboose on the
near eide, of the river returned the enemy's fire.

Headquarters were returned the enemy's fire.

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forecok their a ones, and are fleeing in focks toward Knozville.

Before evacuating the river edge our troops set fire to the bridge, which the y bad se recently constructed. It is feared that, as the tember was green, the destruction will not be sufficiently or unpiete.

Capter 38 or a RERIN course.

A courier from Lo. gatanet to the robel Secretary of War was captured a few days since. The purport of the communication was to the effect that he (Longstreet) would attempt to take St. apperry Plains before failing back into North Carolina.

La may be that my informant has mistaken the tenor of the despatch, as, if Longstreet intended failing back into North Carolina, the capture of Strawberry Plains would not be despatch that end. In fact, I doubt if the communication has transpired beyond headquarters at all.

DEATH OF GOVERNOR CAMBLE—HO. ORS TO THE VETERANS AT ST. LOUIS, Et. ... St. LOUIS, Jan. 21, 1864.

Governor Gamble died to-day.

One of the largest and most enthusiastic meeting were held in St. Louis assembled in the retunds of the vourt. House last hight, to devise means for the proper rec. 5-tion of the veteran volunteers of this and other States arriving here as reade for their homes.

A heavy rain has been thing all day, and there are things all day, and there are things all day, and there are things all days are the states.

The brave and gallant soldiers who arranged this pleas-ant affair had previously resolved that their guests should not go home till morning; and they did not.

the other refreshments were of an inspiring character. ME WON'T GO HOME THE MOI

MEADE'S ARMY.

Mr. Wm. Young's Despatch.

The saloon was bandsomely decorated with the regi-mental colors, the national flag and evergreens, and a

painting of the Deserted House was conspicuously hung on

THE MUSIC AND GUESTS

The band of the Sixty-ninth played the waltzes, quadrilles, polkas and redowas, to which the happy soldiers

and the happier ladies danced. About twenty-five ladies

were in attendance on this festive occasion, and all the officers of the Sixty-ninth, as invited guests.

The supper was most creditable to the caterers, and

the rear wall of the building.

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Jan. 30, 1864.

The Irish Legion had a fing raising at their headquar

CAVALRY EXPEDITIONS.

Scouting parties are sent out from General Gregg's sevalry command, near Warrenton, quite frequently; but they encounter nothing worthy of special and particular notice. The other cavalry divisions also send out expeditions. It is regretted by cavalry officers that General Meade does not modify the order relating to correspond ents, and permit them to accompany the cavalry on its dangerous yet pleasant reconnoissances. The history of the cavalry is yet to be written, and it is a branch of the

The delightful weather of the past few days infuses new life and energy into our brave soldiers, some of whom bask in the sunshine barefooted. Above Alexandria, within sight of the military railroad, farmers have com-

A few deserters come into Colonel Lowell's cavalry lines, in General Tyler's department, some of them from the Forty eighth Virginia infantry, and all of them con-

GREERAL GRAFT AND THE SOLDIERS.

Between the army and the politicians there is no are advocating and urging the renomination of President Lincoln, with the expectation of winning the support of the soldiers, who despise the copperheads as much as they hate the abolitionists and secessionists, may

The February term of the law courts commences to-day. The general term of the Supreme Court will be held

Clerke and Sutherland preciding. The Circuit, part first, will be hold by Judge Peckham. Part second stands adjourned day, the 8th inst. In the Seperior Court, Judges Monell and Monerief will preside during the trials, while Judges Robertson, McCunn and Garvin will sit at the reperal term. In the Court of Common Pleas there is no change from last mouth, Judges Daly and Brady being in The case of Clark against Brooks stands first on the calthe cause will be tried to-day. The calendars in the different courts are heavy; but we are not aware that any case of remarkable interest will be tried. The case of John B. Holmey, convicted of killing a policeman, will probably be argued before the Supreme Court, gene-

The February term of the Court of General Sessions will commence at eleven o'clock this morning. City corder Hoffman will occupy the bench. The cases on the calendar are numerous, but of no special importance.

CALENDAN FOR THIS DAY.

SCYRRME COURT—CRUIT.—Part 1—Nos. 955, 1033, 1041, 1095, 1125, 386, 383, 981, 423, 681, 327, 683, 587, 529, 546, 567, 571, 581, 613, 649. Part 2—Adjourned until Febru

ary e. Severion Gover.—Part 1—Nos. 3305, 3133, 2727, 2818, 3363, 2487, 2316, 3383, 3319, 1157, 535, 779, 879, 959, 961. Part 2—Nos. 2152, 2156, 2349, 3380, 3392, 3396, 3402, 3412, 3414, 3420, 3424, 3426, 2292, 2062, 2208. COURT OF COMMON PIEAS.—Part 1—Nos. 299, 89, 211, 14
310 155, 398, 245, 167, 297, 301, 88, 115, 283, 396, Pa
22—Nos. 29, 94, 362, 363, 315, 162, 400, 288, 324, 416, 20
97, 325, 13, 152.

City Intelligence.

Monre's Mind or Ancumenor Hours,-The service of the "month's mind," in commemoration of the death of the Most Reverend Archbishop Hughes, will take place at St. Patrick's cathedral next Wednesday morning, the St. Patrick's cathedral best wednesday morning, the ceremonies to begin at helf-past ten o'clock precisely. A full and deeply interesting panegyric on the life and character of the deceased prelate will be delivered by the Right Reverend Poctor Loughlin, of Brooklyn, and great arrangements have been made for a grand musical display in connection with the religious exercises. Mesers berge and Harrison will have charge of the music—a sure indication that it will be of the best character.

NATIONAL STRUGGER.-At the invitation of a number of highly influential citizens of New York, the Hon, F W. figure to Arkansas, will deliver an address at Coper In-stitute, this evening, on the subject of our great national struggie and the means of obtaining a speedy and per-manent peace. —As Mr. Gannt has mixed among the re-bels and is thoroughly conversant with the condition of affairs at the South, what he will have to say must neces-arily interest the public.

MERTING OF THE OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE Firs DEPARTMENT .- A meeting was held on Saturday eveneg, at Firemen's Hall, by the officers and represen tives of the Fire Department, to make arrangements for tives of the Fire Department, to make arrangements for the great Sanitary Fair shortly to be held in this city. Chief Engineer John Decker presided. Mr. Wm. H. Wickham, of Hook and Ladder Company No. 15, stated the object of the meeting, and gave in detail the plan pro-posed to be carried out by the department. Resolutions were adopted requesting every company to aid in sending donations for the fair, and a committee was appointed to superintend the whole matter.

ACCIDENT ON THE BROOKLYN FERRY .- AD exciting scene man, a Sergeant of marines, whose name could not be board, when Mr. W. H. Brandest, a government inspec-tor, doing business in Canal street, New York, but residing in Brooklyn, flung off bis coat, jumped into the water

Personal Intelligence. Mr. Hackett, by special invitation, visited General ler socially at Fortress Monroe, but has returned to city since, and is engaged to act Falstaff at the recent street Academy the evening of Thursday, inct., after which he will revisit Washington pr

ocueral Geo. W. Beitzier, Kansas; Hon. H. B. Wri, and family, Pennsylvania; Col. A. Harasthy and dau ter, U. S. A.; Col. De Hees and daughter, Wheeling; W. Park and family, Vermont, James H. Erockmire, Louis; W. B. Haseitine and party, St. Louis; Col. T. Fgan, Mchart regiment; C. A. Rowley, St. Joseph, as W. D. Regars, Philadelphia, are stopping at the Metropolitan Hotel.

portan Hotel.

Hon. H. A. Risley, Dunkirk, Hop. C. H. Peasley, Portsmouth, N. H. Hon. Precton King, Ondenaburg: H. Town, Detroit, W. Webb, New York, Rev. W. B. Coster. Past Tomessec; C. F. Bievens, Phindel, Ann. N. Hayward, Boston, L. C. Weskir, Beton, J. Whitting, Detroit, Hon. G. Biese, Washington, and H. L. Hacen, Compecticut, are Copping at the Aster Homes.

GENERAL KELLEY'S DEPARTMENT.

BALL OF THE SIXTY-NINTH NEW YORK STATE NATIONAL GUARD. Sharp Contest in the Vicinity of Wil-The ball last evening at Fairfax Station was given by liamsport, Hardy County, Va. the non-commissioned officers of the Sixty-ninth New York State National Guard, in honor of the first anniver-

sary of the battle of the Deserted House, near the Black water, when the rebel General Pryor was repulsed and CAPTURE OF A UNION ARMY TRAIN.

PREPARATIONS TO MEET THE REBELS.

Severe Fighting Expected Within a Few Days.

THE LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES.

Withdrawal of Our Troops from Petersburg.

Mr. T. C. Wilson's Despatch. HEADQUALTERS, DEPARTMENT WESTERN VIRGINIA,) Jan. 31, 1864.

Again we are in the midst of excitement and activity, caused by a severe conflict that took place yesterday afernoon in the neighborhood of Williamsport, Hardy county, and which lasted, with considerable persistence and severity, for four hours.

On Thursday night a train of about eighty wagons was sent out from New Creek, heavily laden with commissary stores for the garrison at Petersburg, and accompanying the train was an escort of about eight hundred men, being detachments from the Twenty-third Illinois (Irish Brigade), Fourth Virginia cavalry, Second Maryland, of the Ringgold cavalry battalion, the whole under command of Colonel J. W. Snyder.

Nothing unusual occurred until the train got about the co miles south of Williamsport, when it was suddenly set upon at different points by open and concealed forces of

Although somewhat surprised by the suddenness of the Then it was that a hard fight ensued, commencing at three o'clock in the afternoon and lasting for over four hours, at the expiration of which time it was found that we had about eighty in killed and wounded, rank and in the early part of the fight the rebels opened tre from four pieces of artillery.

The superiority of the enemy's strength—there being in all about two thousand men—also gave them the sci-

The enemy, however, completely failed of his object, which seemed to be to try to surround, and, if possible, capture the whole party. Several times the rebet lines were broken, and several times the rebet charges were

rebels, and not their good fighting qualities, gained thema success. Our mon were so exhausted with marching, countermarching and operating in various ways that is was as much as they could do to successfully defend themselves, let alone make further efforts to retake the At one time the train was in a fair way of being en

tirely saved; but, ewing to the excitable sketadding propensities of some few of the teamsters and the effect of their conduct on others, a kind of panic was the result. A portion of the train was saved notwithstanding the

abovementioned misfortune.
On hearing of the engagement Colonel Mulligan at once sent reinforcements to Colonei Snyder
Colonel Mulligan received information from Colonel

Thoburn that the pest at Petersburg was sgain being threatened, and that General Early was rejorted to have moved in force on Wednesday last from the neighborhood of Harrisonburg.

What General Kelley is doing to counteract the enemy's movement will develop itself before long. There will either be a severe fight or the enemy must retire in

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT WESTERN VIRGINIA, }

The command of Colonel Thoburn, which comprised the garrison at Petersburg, is now all safe. Late last night he evacuated the position in consequence of receiving information that the enemy would positively attack his works in heavy force at daylight this morning.

his men, trains, gups, ammunition, stores, &c . is looked preparing to make the attack, he took a mountain road.

is a safe and desirable position again.
General Early has been defeated, for this morning, by his orders, Petersburg was attacked. The enemy cautiously approached the place, Colonel Thoburn baving taken the precaution to enemy opened on the place this morning with artillery. lebris of a camp. While this was going on [Colone] Thoburn was within hearing, with his re of the enemy's guns

The weather bad, threatening rain.

Major General Milroy made a short speech this morning in Cumberland, in front of the Revere House, to the Twelfth Virginia Volunteers. The General's speech was Twelfth Virginia volunteers.

very encouraging; he said everything is going right now very encouraging; he said everything is going right now. be demonstration.

The Newspaper Despatch.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31, 186 Despatches received at the War Department from G ral Kelley's command, state that on Saturday after a supply train on the way to Petersburg was attacked the rebel force under General Rosser, and after a resistance on the part of the escort, was captured

General Kelley has despatched a force in pursuit enemy. No further intelligence bas been rocei

News from the Mississippi and do Rivers.

CAIRO, JAD. 33 The steamer Hillman, from Memphis the 3 mat, has arrived, with 200 bales of cotton for the East 100 bales for St. Louis. She also brought up 340 listed volunteers of the Iwelith Michigan regimen of the Third Minnesota and large numbers

from other regiments, en route home on furior.

The steamer Patter was burned at Walker lend has Saturday. No lives were lost. The cargiestryed was valued at \$25,000. The boat was own by flark

again becoming troublesome at various point. of Games' Landing, burning cotten and com-rious depredations. No beats, however, has

Several boats cleared for St. Louis

to day. Brigadier General Ducalond has bee sasigned to ormmand of the district of Memphi, and Brigat General Reed to that of Cairo